

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:
input means inputting image data which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of resolutions;
determination means determining if the image data is a specific image; and
output means for, when said determination means determines that the image data is the specific image, selecting and outputting image data in a lowest resolution layer, or
~~for processing the image so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and outputting the processed image data~~
wherein said output means enlarges the image data in the lowest resolution layer to a predetermined size, and outputs the enlarged data.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said output means enlarges the image data in the lowest resolution layer to a size of image data in a highest resolution layer, and outputs the enlarged data.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means determines the specific image when the image data has a copyright.

Claims 6-41 (canceled).

Claim 42 (currently amended): An image processing method comprising:
an input step, of inputting image data which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of resolutions;
an determination step, of determining if the image data is a specific image;

and

an output step, in which, when it is determined in said determination step that the image data is the specific image, image data in a lowest resolution layer is selected and outputted, ~~or the image data is processed so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and the processed image data is outputted~~

wherein said output step includes enlarging the image data in the lowest resolution layer to a predetermined size, and outputting the enlarged data.

Claim 43-46 (canceled).

Claim 47 (currently amended): A storage medium that stores a program of an image process, said program having at least:

code for an input step, of inputting image data which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of resolutions;

code for a determination step, of determining if the image data is a specific image; and

code for an output step, in which, when it is determined in said determination step that the image data is the specific image, image data in a lowest resolution layer is selected and outputted, ~~or the image data is processed so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and the processed image data is outputted~~

wherein said output step includes enlarging the image data in the lowest resolution layer to a predetermined size, and outputting the enlarged data.

Claims 48-51 (canceled).